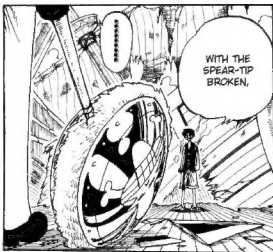


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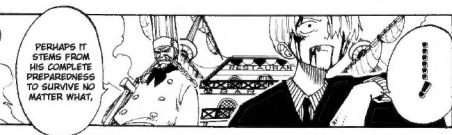
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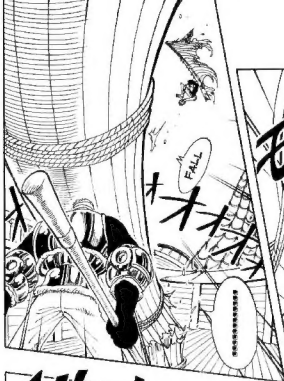
















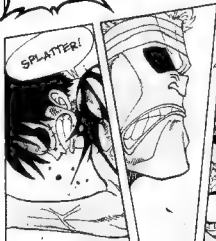
FUTILE!

KUHHA
HAHA!

ALL ATTACKS
ARE FUTILE
BEFORE MY
WOOTZ STEEL
ARMOUR!

AND...







AND THOSE
WHO DEFEY THE
STRONG ARE
DOOMED TO DIE,

HAMMER
BRAT.

EQUATES TO
THE GREATEST
MIGHT!?

CAN'T YOU
SEE THAT
THE GREATEST
ARMOUR AND
WEAPONRY,

!

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!!!?

バクダ...!

!

ONLY THE
STRONG
SURVIVE!

IT'S
OVER!

FUHAHA
HAHA!

BOMBS!?

AHH! HE'S GOING
TO THROW THOSE
BOMBS DOWN TO
DESTROY THAT WHOLE
PLATFORM! RUN
AWAY, ERRAND BOY!



GOMU
GOMU
...



MEANING
ME, OF
COURSE!



IT'S A
TRAP!

YOU IDIOT,
DON'T RUN
TOWARDS
HIM! GET
AWAY!



I
THOUGHT
YOU'D
DO!



HOW USELESS...
BECAUSE THAT'S
EXACTLY WHAT...



!!!?



THERE ARE SOME
THINGS YOU CAN'T
OVERCOME WITH
WILLPOWER
ALONE...



BANOOKA!





BAZOOKA!

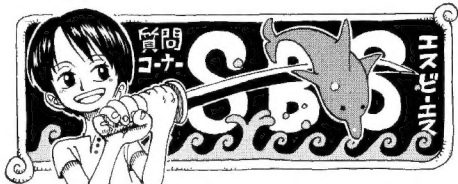
STRETCH

GOMU
GOMU
...

!!!?

WHAI?

!!!?



- D: YO!! EI-CHAN!! ARE YOU STILL WORKING ON ONE PIECE? KEEP DRAWING, MAN!! OKAY, EI-CHAN, HERE'S MY QUESTION. WHO ARE THE "ONE PIECE" CHARACTERS WITH THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST IQS?! OKAY, THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY.
- O: I'LL TELL YOU. BUT WHEN I SAY "IN ONE PIECE," I REALLY MEAN, "OF ALL THE CHARACTERS INTRODUCED THUS FAR IN ONE PIECE." AND HAVING CLEARED THAT UP, THE CHARACTER WITH THE HIGHEST IQ IS SHANKS' FIRST MATE, BENN BECKMAN. HE IS A GREAT CREWMATE WHO SUPPORTS SHANKS WITH HIS ASTONISHING WISDOM AND STRENGTH. AND RIGHT AFTER HIM WOULD PROBABLY BE CAPTAIN KURO, THEN NAMI. NOW AS FOR THE LOWEST IQ... I CAN'T DECIDE THE WORST ONE. THEY'RE ALL IDIOTS.
- D: ODA-SENSEI, IS YOUR HOUSE REALLY MADE OF CARDBOARD? (I HEARD FROM MY FRIEND.)
- O: YES. WHETHER IT'S RAINY OR SUNNY OR SNOWY, I ALWAYS DRAW MY MANGA. BUT DON'T WORRY. THE CERTIFICATE INK I USE IS WATERPROOF!!(CAUTION: GOOD CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BELIEVE ME!)
- D: WHAT IS THAT CAPE-LIKE THING THAT BUCHI OF THE NYABAN BROTHERS HAS? IS IT A FUTON?
- O: ACTUALLY, IT'S A "KOTATSU-BUTON." HE IS A CAT, AFTER ALL.

(NOTE: A KOTATSU-BUTON IS THE FUTON THAT COVERS A KOTATSU, WHICH IS A TABLE WITH A HEATER UNDERNEATH. THE COVER KEEPS THE HEAT UNDERNEATH, AND CATS ARE SAID TO LOVE HIDING UNDER THE KOTATSU WHERE IT IS WARM.)

- D: IS LUFFY'S POSE ON THE COVER OF VOLUME 3 FROM KEN SHIMURA-SAN'S "AIIIN"?
- O: OH MY GOD, YOU'RE RIGHT!! IT'S AIIIN!! IT REALLY IS. YES, IT IS AIIIN.

(NOTE: "AIIIN" IS A WELL-KNOWN GAG FROM VETERAN COMEDIAN KEN SHIMURA. KEN'S MOST FAMOUS CHARACTER IS "BAKA TONO" (STUPID LORD), WHOSE SIGNATURE POSE IS "AIIIN!")